

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable
George E. Pataki
Governor of New York
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Pataki:

It is our understanding that at an LMDC Family Advisory Committee meeting on January 24, your advisor James Kallstrom announced to September 11 family group leaders that the new World Trade Center (WTC) Memorial and Museum complex will be constructed under the legal jurisdiction of the New York City (NYC) building and fire departments.

The decision to not exempt the WTC Memorial and Museum from NYC building and fire codes is an important step forward for both public safety at the site and for good government.

As you know, because of the unique status of the Port Authority as a "bi-state" agency, the former twin towers were essentially above the law. Along with the tireless members of the Skyscraper Safety Campaign, we have strongly supported efforts to ensure the new WTC is built under the legal jurisdiction of NYC codes.

We would appreciate receiving your confirmation that the NYC building and fire departments will have plan review, inspection, and Certificate of Occupancy oversight over structures at the WTC complex - including the Freedom Tower - as it does with every other building in the city.

We appreciate your continued time and attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Christopher Shays
Member of Congress



Carolyn B. Maloney
Member of Congress